

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1425

By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joyce "Dottie" Rambo of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Joyce "Dottie" Rambo; and

WHEREAS, Dottie Rambo was an influential gospel singer and songwriter who shared her tremendous talents to praise and glorify God and spread the Gospel's message through song; and

WHEREAS, born on March 2, 1934, in Madisonville, Kentucky, she developed an early love of country music, learning to play guitar while listening at night to the Grand Ole Opry on WSM Radio; and

WHEREAS, at the age of eight, Dottie Rambo began writing songs and began singing and playing country music on a local radio program a mere two years later; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rambo made a commitment to write and sing Christian music at the age of twelve and was soon performing in gospel groups throughout the Midwest and South; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, she met Buck Rambo at a revival meeting; the two were soon married and began performing together as "The Rambos"; and

WHEREAS, from these auspicious beginnings, Dottie Rambo went on to become a giant in the gospel music industry, publishing more than 2,500 songs, including such classics as *He Looked Beyond My Fault and Saw My Need* and the 1982 Gospel Music Association Song of the Year, *We Shall Behold Him*; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rambo was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2007 and the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame in 2006 and, in 2000, she was awarded the ASCAP Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, her many awards and accomplishments aside, Dottie Rambo was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, it is with deeply resonating chords of sadness that we bid farewell to this talented musician, inspirational Christian leader, and proud Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Joyce "Dottie" Rambo, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Rambo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.